



Humanities Department Details

Humanities subjects are central within the curriculum offer throughout all Key Stages at Avon Valley Academy and make a highly valued contribution to the learning experience of students. Geography, History, Ethics and PSHE are taught to all students throughout Key Stage 3 and History and Geography are amongst our most popular options at Key Stage 4 alongside Sociology.

At Avon valley College it is recognised that Humanities subjects play a significant role in enabling students to understand the world around them in addition to developing a range of widely transferable skills as well as subject specialist skills, knowledge and understanding. The impact of Humanities extends beyond the curriculum through the offer of high quality opportunities including practical fieldwork, trips and visits.

We hope that you will relish the opportunity of working with our Humanities Curriculum Team Leader to further strengthen this excellent department.

Curriculum

The current Ethics and PSHE curricula are varied and engaging, offering students opportunities to develop their understanding of religions, philosophy and ethics and also their understanding of the world around them and their place within it. The challenge embedded within the schemes of work is developmental, preparing the students for high order thinking and increasingly demanding learning experiences as their Ethics and PSHE studies progress. Schemes of work in place follow 'Key Competencies'. Our Key Competencies are an integral part of the curriculum and are used to assess, monitor and track pupil progress as well as inform curriculum planning and development.

At Key Stage 3 students follow a varied programme of study including the study of Abrahamic Religions as well as engaging in ethical and philosophical debate.

At Key Stage 4, students follow the AQA Sociology specification.

The PSHE curriculum is delivered across the school encompasses a wide range of topics including personal safety, relationship and sex education, social skills and tolerance.

At Avon Valley College, we constantly review the curriculum offer to ensure that it is well-matched to the students' abilities, enabling them to successfully develop high quality subject specific and transferable skills as well as exam success.

Extra Curricular Activities

We aim to enrich the curriculum with a variety of extra activities throughout the academic year.